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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.
2. In response to this requirement, please agree or disagree to the stipulation of each of the following assertions of facts:

The following were conventional methods in the field of processing or generating field documents at the time of the filing date of this invention.

The following were conventional methods automated with the aid of a computer processor and/or performed electronically.

Receiving an initiation document containing requirement information with respect to the trade operation , the initiation document being a buy order or a letter or credit.

Verifying the accuracy of these trade documents.

Maintaining a customer profile containing standard terms and conditions used by the buyer.

Generating letters of credit based on information previously received.

Issuing the letters of Credit

Maintaining a status of the trade operation in a database.

Providing access to the buyer and seller to the database in order to view the status of their trade operation.

Providing the buyer and seller access to the trade status database

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Providing access to the database to additional parties designated by the buyer and seller.

Receiving multiple purchase orders from the buyer and generating the Letter of Credit based on information received prior to receiving the multiple purchase orders.

Generating a sales order in response to an initiation document.

Generating a sales order based on information received prior to receipt of the sales order.

Determining the availability of the credit using a sales order.

Comparing a sales order to the requirement information contained in a file in order to determine any discrepancies; and correcting the sales order.

Generating a manufacturing specification sheet using the sales order.

Comparing the manufacturing specification sheet to a matched sales order in order to determine any discrepancies.

Generating shipping instructions using a sales order and transmitting the shipping instructions to a shipper.

Generating an invoice.

Comparing the invoice to the matched sales order in order to determine any discrepancies.

Receiving shipping instructions from a shipper.

Comparing the shipping instructions to the matched invoice in order to determine any discrepancies.

Informing the shipper of the discrepancies.

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Receiving a certificate of insurance from the insurer.

Notifying parties specified by the buyer and the seller of the generation of the trade documents.

Presenting the trade documents to the buyer for negotiation.

Performing a reconciliation function on behalf of the buyer.

Performing a reconciliation function on behalf of the buyer further comprises the step of reconciling a payment due under the trade documents against the requirement information.

Receiving payment information reflecting a payment made by the buyer, the seller; and performing a reconciliation function on behalf of the seller in response to the payment information.

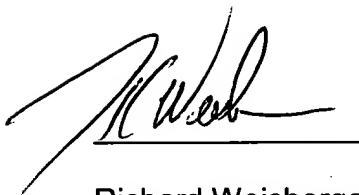
Presenting the trade documents to a bank representing the buyer for negotiation.

Printing the documents at a location which is in proximity to the bank.

The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained may be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

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This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of two months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).



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